

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 9- 24, with:

As can be seen in FIGS. 1 and 2, each circumferential member includes four bending regions 56, 58, 60 and 62 formed on the circumferential member to enhance the performance of the circumferential member to bend as it moves between the unexpanded and expanded positions. In the particular embodiment shown in FIG. 2, each bending region 56-62 is placed on the circumferential member approximately 90 degrees apart. In this regard, as can be seen in figures 1 and 2, the bending regions 56, 58, 60 and 62 on the first circumferential member 46 align with the same bending regions 56, 58, 60 and 20 of the second circumferential member 48. This alignment of bending regions on the first and second circumferential members 46 and 48 is referred to as "in phase." In this regard, the proximal bending regions 56 and 58 of the first and second circumferential members 46 and 48 are attached to and aligned next to each other. The same is true for the distal bending regions 50 and 52. Each of the proximal struts includes a first end 64 attached to the collar 65 which is rotatably mounted to the guide wire 28. Each proximal strut includes a second end 66 connected to one of the proximal bending regions 56 and 58 of the first circumferential member 46. These proximal bending regions 56 and 58 are spaced approximately 180 degrees apart from each other along a circular diameter defined by the expanded circumferential member 46. Each of the distal struts 50 and 52, in turn, has a first end 68 connected to and extending towards the obturator 32 and a second end 70 attached to the distal bending regions 60 and 62 of the second circumferential member 48. These distal bending regions 60 and 62, in turn, are spaced

approximately 180 degrees apart from each other and are offset 90 degrees from the proximal bending regions 56 and 58.